

HELLO!



Do you know that J. W. Race, of the firm of R. RACE & CO., has just returned from New York, where he bought goods cheaper than ever?

Yes, I've heard so—and that they are now receiving an immense stock for the Spring trade; but they always did have the largest and best stock in the city, and sold them mighty cheap.

Did you hear about their Watch Donation?

They are Men Winders, and guaranteed to keep good time, and are given away with every \$20 and over worth of goods purchased of them for cash, at one time.

Buy a \$20 Suit and get the correct time.

When are you going around to see their stock?

Why, just as soon as I can get time. Every day is a opening day with them. They are always early to wait on customers and give them bargains.

J. R. RACE & CO.

Are receiving their Spring Stock of

CLOTHING AND FURNISHING GOODS.

THEIR MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT was never so complete.

J. R. RACE & CO.,

129 to 135 Water Street,
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

WARREN & DUFFEE

Have the following described

LOTS

Rolling Mill Additions FOR SALE.

Lot 8, in block 2, 1st addition, on Chisholm street.

Lots 12 and 13, same block, and lot 2, block 3, 1st addition—all on East Eldorado street.

Also, two lots on East North, and two lots on East William street, in block 2, 4th addition.

March 14—dtf

SCROFULA

and all scrofulous diseases, Sores, Erysipelas, Eczema, Itch, Ringworm, Tetter, Carbuncles, Boils, and Eruptions of the Skin, are the direct result of an impure state of the blood.

To cure these diseases the blood must be purified, and restored to a healthy and natural condition. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which for over forty years has been recognized by eminent medical authorities as the most powerful blood purifier in existence. It cleanses the system from all foul humors, and restores the blood to its natural purity and vigor.

A Recent Cure of Scrofulous Sores. "Some months ago I was troubled with scrofulous sores on my face. The sores were very painful and inflamed, and were attended with much itching and burning. I had tried many remedies, but without success. I then purchased Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and after using it for a few days, the sores began to heal, and in a short time they were completely cured. I feel very grateful for the good your medicine has done for me. I am, Sir, very respectfully, Yours, J. W. RACE, 129 to 135 Water Street, Decatur, Ill., June 21, 1883.

All persons interested are invited to call on Mrs. J. W. RACE, at her residence, 129 to 135 Water Street, Decatur, Ill., who will take pleasure in testifying to the wonderful efficacy of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, not only in the cure of these sores, but in the cure of many other diseases within his knowledge.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have cured their sores by using Ayer's Sarsaparilla:

Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists, price \$1, six bottles for \$5.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

stimulates and regulates the action of the digestive and assimilative organs, and strengthens the vital forces, and especially cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Rheumatoid Gout, Catarrh, General Debility, and all diseases arising from an impure or corrupted condition of the blood, and a weakened vitality.

It is incomparably the cheapest blood medicine, on account of its concentrated strength, and great power over disease.

PREPARED BY Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists, price \$1, six bottles for \$5.

CHEMISTS HAVE ALWAYS FOUND

DR. PRICE'S BAKING POWDER

THE MOST PERFECT MADE.

A PURE FRUIT ACID BAKING POWDER. There is none stronger. None so pure and wholesome. Contains no Alum or Ammonia.

Has been used for years in a million homes. Its great strength makes it the cheapest. Its perfect purity the healthiest. In the family just most delicious. Prove it by the only true test.

THE TEST OF THE OVEN.

MANUFACTURED BY STEELE & PRICE, Chicago, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers, Dr. Price's Baking Powder, WE MAKE NO SECOND GRADE GOODS.

BOYS, BOYS. Tell your father or mother to buy your suit at Fleury's Old Reliable Clothing House. They sell the best goods for the lowest prices, and present you with a nice base ball, but cap. Fleury's One Price Clothing House, corner Old Square.

Base Ball. With every boy's or child's suit we present the purchaser with a ball, bat and cap. Fleury's One Price Clothing House.

Go to Dr. Thomas S. Hopkins to get your dental work done. Cor. Main and Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 21dtf

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Labrador Edibles.

The first thing that a man asks for in Labrador on going anywhere is something to eat. No matter where he has just arisen from a table of plenty at the house of some friend, he can always find food for more. I have seen some of the largest eaters I ever beheld, in my life while upon this coast. One man boasts of having eaten six ptarmigan—a bird about the size of our ruffed grouse or larger—at a meal, another says that he could eat a dozen herring at a meal, a fish about the size of a medium-sized mackerel, and, judging from what I have seen, I have no doubt but that he could do it. Still further, one fellow, upon testing some maple sugar, declared that he could eat ten pounds at one time, while at another time I was offered a lot of two shillings six pence by a fellow, who said he could eat four pounds of raisins at a sitting. The paradise of a Labrador must seem to be enough to eat and plenty of tobacco. The Newfoundland men, when coming to Labrador, do not differ much.

While we are talking two boats with two fellows in each who have been out all the morning looking for fish, approach the stage-head evidently deeply loaded. An ordinarily constructed stage-head consists of a platform raised upon piles driven into the mud or sunk with huge stones or ballast to the bottom of which at high-tide water is from six to ten and at low tide to three feet deep. While the men are unloading their fish, by throwing them from the boats onto this wharf with huge pitchforks, it might be of interest to follow a party of fishermen just going out to the fishing grounds, and see what luck they have. The boats used in the ordinary fishing are of two kinds: those called "proovies" or Nova Scotia boats, being long and narrow, shallow, and carrying no ballast, which, should she overturn, it would be impossible to sink her since she would immediately right again even if full of water; and the "Yankers" or "Yankers," or boats brought here from the States, or made here but to a similar pattern; these are very wide for their length and correspondingly deep. With the barges the boats are so arranged that they form five partitions, the center one is heavily ballasted with rocks. Of course, should one of these boats be upset or fill with water it would instantly sink to the bottom. Strange to say, the barges are in more demand than the "proovies," for the reason that while the former hold eight quintal of fish freshly caught, the latter hold only four, or one-half the quantity. The men choose to risk their lives rather than lose their fish—and principally for this reason, that when the fish bite well they can land their boat without stopping to run several miles home in a calm, pulling at the oars all the way, to unload and return, often to find the fish spoiled, and the sea so rough that they are unable to return. Fish are uncertain creatures, the fisherman must take advantage of every possible chance to secure enough to procure him his winter's supply of food, as well as to pay up the old debts and what he is consuming during the summer.—Cor. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Seven years ago a little girl about nine years of age entered a car on the Woodward avenue route. The car was crowded, and as she stood hanging to the strap a strange man crooked his finger at her and offered her a seat on his knee. She scornfully refused, and he laughed and said, "You are a little girl, aren't you? You look just like the girl in the photograph in my memory, and determined to be revenged if it took a hundred years."

The man probably forgot the circumstance in a week, but not so with the girl. She kept track and track of him, and the other week, when she entered the employ of the telephone company, she uttered a chuckle of satisfaction. The insult of long ago was to be revenged. Two miles away the victim rang up the office and called out: "Give me Cabill, the grocer."

"Ca—who?" she replied.

"Cabill?"

"Who is he?"

"A grocer."

"Where?"

"On Woodward avenue!"

"Oh! you want Cabill?"

"Of course I do!"

He hears a click, and stands and waits and tells the children to shut up, and finally a bell rings into his ear.

"Hello!"

"Hello!"

"Why don't you go ahead?" shouts the voice.

"Why with?"

"Why, with Saginaw."

"Who wants Saginaw? I told you to ring up Cabill!"

"Well, go ahead."

"Is that Cabill?"

"Yes."

"Well, I want you to send me up five pounds of—"

A knife seems to clip the wire short off. He waits a minute and then rings up and the office replies:

"Oh, didn't you get through? Well, go ahead."

"Say, Cabill!"

"Send me a bushel of potatoes, five pounds of—"

Clipped again, and he stands there and waits, and a fourth time the wire rings and the transmitter in a way to wake the baby.

To-morrow it will be the same thing over, and next day the wires will be crossed, and the day after it will be laid to vibration, and a fourth time the wire rings and the transmitter in a way to wake the baby.

Day by day and week by week that girl will be stabbing him in a new place, and some night a new voice will call through his telephone:

"Hello!"

"I want Blank, the undertaker."

"Ah! Certainly. Wait just one minute, please. Here he is; go ahead. Your telephone is working beautifully." Detroit Free Press.

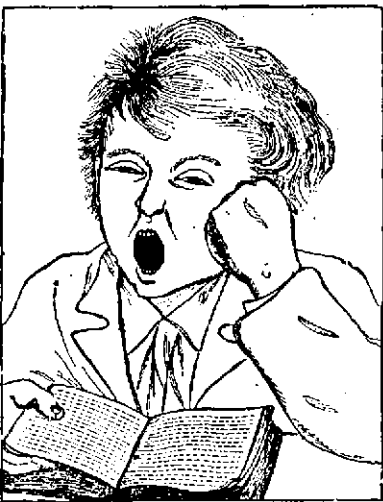
Carry the News.

In your days of buoyancy, when your liver is torpid and your skin yellow, remember you have a never-failing friend in Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic, which is unequalled in purity and effectiveness. In cases of dyspepsia, constipation, ague and malarial diseases, and diseases of the blood and kidneys, its action is prompt and sure. Price 50 cents of Dr. A. J. Stoner, 14 South side new square, Decatur, Ill.

Stoner's Surplus Party—

His new line of latest styles of neckwear.

ALL kinds of gent's wear at B. Stine's.



The first real life to business each season is generally seen in the Juvenile Department, for its conceded that the boys, as a rule, will wear out two or three suits to their father's one.

Without seriously reflecting on the clothing selected for them, we have endeavored to choose fabrics which will reduce the unfavorable score against the boys, with what success our customers can best attest. One favorable evidence is the increasing call we find for reliable suits in these sizes.

OUR STOCK OF Boys' AND Children's Clothing IS NOW COMPLETE FOR THIS SPRING'S SEASON.

And you will think, even if you shouldn't say so, that they are by far the BEST SELECTION IN QUANTITIES, QUALITY, PRICE, FIT and WORKMANSHIP YOU HAVE EVER SEEN. Drop in and see us.

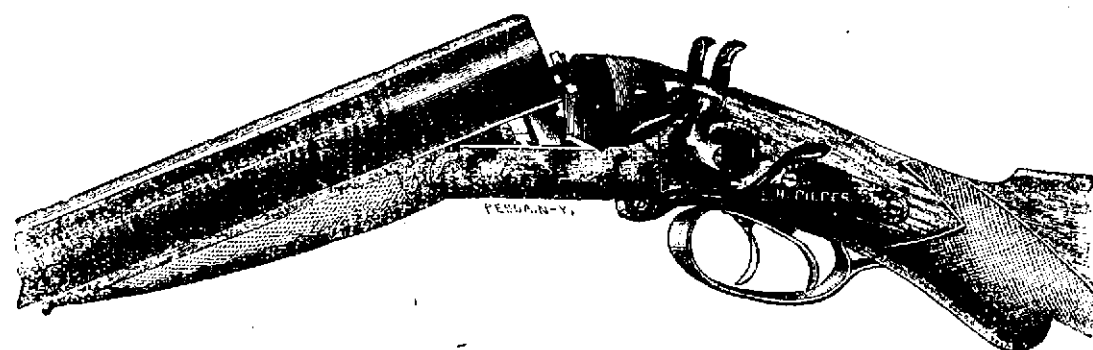
B. STINE,

BOSS BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHIER AND GENTS' FURNISHER.

March 20—dtf

E. C. REESE,

General Agent Austin Powder Co., Hercules Powder Co.



THE "DIANA," THE MOST COMPLETE GUN FOR THE MONEY.



RIFLES—REMINGTON, WINCHESTER, BALLARD, EVANS, &c. at bottom prices.

HEADQUARTERS FOR FISHING TACKLE, FINE JOINTED RODS, CANE POLES, &c.

If you want to know the pleasure there is in using good, uniformly strong clean Powder, try the AUSTIN, and you will not be disappointed. We PROCLAIM FEARLESSLY that

AUSTIN'S CLUB SPORTING POWDER

for Strength, Cleanliness and Penetration, has NO EQUAL for the SAME PRICE.

Remember the place, "SPORTSMEN'S HEADQUARTERS," 257 North Main Street, Decatur, Illinois.

NEW MEAT MARKET!

Danzeisen & Son

HAVE OPENED THEIR

NEW MEAT MARKET

No. 16, Merchant St.,

Fresh and Salt Meats,

Beef, Pork, Mutton, Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Lard, Etc.

WE SELL ONLY THE BEST QUALITY OF MEATS.

Give us a call, June 4, 1884—dtf.

DANZEISEN & SON

P. PERL

AND

EMBALMER

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

MRS. M. J. CAIN.

TEACHER OF ELOCUTION AND DRAMATIC READING.

An appearance given to bona fide graduates in other Chicago, St. Louis or New York.

Engagements secured. Entertainment monthly. Second St., 134 Merchant Street.

Feb. 4, 1884—23m

P. H. HUNT, Decatur, Ill.

SPECIAL SALE

FOR

THIS WEEK ONLY

THE BEST

ALL-WOOL SUITS

IN THE MARKET, AT

\$10.00,

Well Worth \$15.00.

See It. See It.

Decatur's Only

ONE-PRICE

Clothing and Merchant Tailoring House,

CORNER OF OLD SQUARE.

LOUIS FLEURY, Manager.

April 9, 1884—14wtf.

THE DECATUR

Steam Tile Co.

are now prepared to fill all orders, from

1,000 to 1,000,000

of the very best made and best burnt

TILE

IN THE STATE.

We have one of the largest and best equipped

tile factories, running

TWO MACHINES AND

EIGHT KILNS,

Turning Out Six and Seven

Kilns of Tile Every

Week.

WE MAKE ALL SIZES,

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12-inch

Our prices are so low that we can beat. Come to

our yard and see them.

Prices waiting to be as low as we can make them

as long as we are in business, as we are confident we

can sell them.

Better Tile and for Less Money

than they can be bought for elsewhere. Address

all orders.

DECATUR TILE CO.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

Factory Adjoining Fair Grounds.

Telephone 126. apr12dtf

IF YOU WANT

A New Bed-Room Suit

cheap, call at

BACHMAN BROS.

If you want a New

Parlor Suit cheap, call

at BACHMAN BROS.

If you want the best

Bed Lounge in the mar-

ket cheap, call at

BACHMAN BROS.

April 25—dtf

WOOD CARPETING

17th & 18th Sts., Decatur, Ill.

Send for Booklet Patterns, showing styles and prices.

7th & 8th Sts., Decatur, Ill.

The Mayor's Message.

On our fourth page will be found

the message of Mayor Chambers,

presented to the new council last

night. The message is a plain, business-

like document, which treats of

the affairs of the city in a straight-

forward manner, and without over-

sight or concealment. The difficul-

ties attending the financial condi-

tion of the city are fully set forth,

and the imperative demands of the

situation for certain indispensable im-

provements, which cannot possibly

be made with the present municipal

resources, are discussed with fair-

ness and impartiality. The sugges-

tions made by the Mayor as to the

various remedies that may be resorted

to as a relief from the present sit-

uation will be widely discussed.

All acquainted with the situation

will admit that the public safety ab-

solutely demands that certain im-

provements be made. Improvements

that cannot be neglected without in-

curring grave risks to person and

property. How these necessary im-

provements can be made under the

provisions of existing laws is the

problem to be solved, and it is of

momentous importance to call for the

most thoughtful consideration. More

capable criticism will avail nothing;

the situation calls for the execution

of practical financial and business

measures.

The Mayor devotes considerable

space to a consideration of the ques-

tion of street improvement, and ex-

presses the condition of the old square

in fitting terms, and trusts that the

council will not long permit it to re-

main so. This brings up the ques-

tion of sidewalks, and the Mayor

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BY TELEGRAPH

FOULED BY FOG.

A Local Train Near Chicago

Run Down by a Grand

Trunk Engine.

The Rear Car Split Open, and the Others

Telescoped and Completely

Wrecked.

Passengers Pinned to Their Places by

Broken Timbers and Scalded

With the Steam.

Chicago, May 6.—A dense fog prevailed

over the southern part of this city yester-

day morning. The Chicago and Eastern

Illinois suburban train left Auburn with

passengers coming into the city. A stop

was made at South Englewood.

Just as it was pulling out, a heavy loco-

motive of the Grand Trunk Road, which

enters the city over the same tracks,

plunged into the rear of the passenger

train, splitting the last car and telescop-

ing the other two, pinning the passen-

gers in the broken timbers and flooding

the interior with steam from the engine

boiler. Two persons were proba-

bly fatally and about twenty others seri-

ously injured.

A list of the injured:

Henry Wilson, engineer of the passen-

ger train, cut about the breast and face,

two ribs broken.

John Carroll, Englewood, ribs broken.

E. J. Murphy, Englewood, badly cut

about head and body.

A man named Williams, leg broken.

J. Galt, Englewood, badly crushed.

W. F. Ford, Englewood, head and neck

and one eye destroyed.

A. G. Massey, Englewood, head and

body injured.

A. J. Hewitt, head cut.

J. Somers, arm broken.

J. M. McCarthy, internal injuries.

F. Wilson, internal injuries.

W. F. Ford, internal injuries.

Nine others were injured, but were re-

moved before their names were learned.

It was thought that Wilson and

Ford will die. Engineer Ford, of the

Grand Trunk engine, was

arrested and locked up in the town of

Lisle, Police Station, but subsequently re-

leased on bond. He claims that the ac-

cident was due to fog; that he did not see

the lights of the train in time to avert

the accident.

WHISKY AND WATER

Complaint to Take the Lives of a Father

and His Two Sons.

PONTIAC, ILL., May 6.—The bodies of

Frank Francis and his two sons have

been found floating in the Illinois River

at Massie, near the place where they

were supposed to have been drowned on

the 27th of April. The evidence at the

inquest showed that when the father cut

himself in the skull with his two sons,

thirteen and thirteen years old, he was

under the influence of liquor, and that

he was probably the cause of the lamentable

catastrophe. The bodies came to the

surface and were found at different times

by different parties who were not specu-

lating after them. A reward of \$500

had been offered for their recovery by the

brother of the dead man, John H. Francis,

of Pontiac.

Storm at Rock Island.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL., May 6.—A very

severe wind and rain storm visited this

city about eight o'clock last evening. It

had been raining more or less all day, but

the dark clouds which gathered toward

the city, showed that the worst was yet

to come. The wind first came and swept

through the streets with great fury.

Heavy thunder and sharp lightning pre-

ceded the rain, which soon fell in tor-

rents. The storm lasted about an hour,

when it was discovered that considerable

damage had been done by the wind.

Trees, chimneys and roofs of houses

were blown away, but no damage was

done to life.

Change at Bloomington.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., May 6.—The Re-

publican took command of the municipal

government last night. Benj. F. Funk

succeeded John W. Foster as Mayor.

The new council, six Aldermen being

elected, stands eight to four Republican.

The Council made the following appoint-

ments: Treasurer, Matt C. Smith; Survey-

or and Engineer, Arthur H. West; Chief of

the Department, Charles C. Chase (reap-

FOREST FIRES.

The Red Demon of Flame

Turned Loose in All

Its Fury.

Many Miles of Territory Burned Over,

and Vast Amounts of Property

Consumed.

The Pitying Heavens Shed Copious Tears

and Extinguished Fires Fast

Mortal Stay.

HOUTDALE, Pa., May 5.—A large num-

ber of people were rendered homeless by

fire yesterday. Timely rain has dis-

pelled all fears of a renewal of the fire.

A strong appeal will be made for imme-

diate aid. Hundreds were compelled to

sleep in their clothes, having no covering

at all. The citizens of Houtdale and

neighboring towns are doing their best,

but with their population suddenly

augmented by refugees from nearby towns

they are unable to do all that is necessary,

and are compelled to appeal to charity.

BASE BALL BRIEVITIES.

Summary of Games Played Monday,

May 5.

ALTOONA, Pa.—St. Louis, 12, Altoona,

3.

BALTIMORE, Md.—Baltimore, 8; Ath-

letes, 1.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Metropolitans, 6;

Allegheny, 1.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Chicago Reserves, 16;

St. Louis Reserves, 10.

CINCINNATI, O.—Cincinnati, 5;

Chicago, 2.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Louisville, 2; Col-

umbus, 1.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Brooklyn, 11; Wash-

ington, 3.

HOUSTON, Mass.—Houston, 13; Key-

stones, 6.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Chicago, 12;

Philadelphia, 11.

PONTIAC, Ill.—Pontiac, 1; Stillwater, 0.

TUCSON, N. J.—Reading, 7; Alle-

town, 6.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Evansville, 15; Pe-

oria, 2.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Nationals, 5;

Baltimore, 12.

NEW YORK—New York, 3; Detroit, 1.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Providence, 5;

Buffalo, 2.

Texas Editors.

DALLAS, Tex., May 6.—The Texas Pres-

sidents Association met at twelve noon yester-

day. Judge A. B. Norton, as President

of the Dallas club, called the meeting to

order, and in the name of the club of

which he was President, extended a

heartily welcome to the members of the

Association. At the conclusion of his

address, the President of the Dallas club,

the Mayor of the city, who, in the name of

the people of Dallas, extended a hearty

welcome to the Association.

Hartford's Big Trotting Event.

HARTFORD, CONN., May 6.—The man-

agers of Charter Oak Park announce their

subscription to the 2-30-class race at

the grand circuit meeting, for which a

\$10,000 purse was guaranteed. This in-

sures stakes of \$10,000, provided all the

subscribers complete their entrance fees

of \$1,000. The purse will be divided

into four moneys. Horses must be

named on or before August 12.

Who Was the Stranger?

PORT WORTH, TEX., May 6.—Yesterday

morning while one four table at the

White Elephant was crowded with play-

ers a book containing \$400 was abstract-

ed. The driver of a motor car had been

attached to a stick. The rear of the

drawer had been previously removed.

This had not been noticed. An unident-

ified stranger is now remembered to have

sat just back of the drawer and scratched

his leg rather nervously.

Murder in the Indian Territory.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., May 6.—News was

received here last evening of a killing at

Webber's Falls, twenty-eight miles

southeast of here, Saturday last. An

unknown man rode up in the dark and

called a colored barber out and told

him to shave him. The barber

started for his shop, and a few minutes

after a shot was heard. His wife heard

the shot and running out found her hus-

band dead and his murderer gone.

Dangers of Modern Inventions.

PONTIAC, ILL., May 6.—Lightning last

night struck the wires of the electric

light system of the city of Pontiac, and

it also struck the Cottage Hospital, dam-

FOREST FIRES.

The Red Demon of Flame

Turned Loose in All

Its Fury.

Many Miles of Territory Burned Over,

and Vast Amounts of Property

Consumed.

The Pitying Heavens Shed Copious Tears

and Extinguished Fires Fast

Mortal Stay.

HOUTDALE, Pa., May 5.—A large num-

ber of people were rendered homeless by

fire yesterday. Timely rain has dis-

pelled all fears of a renewal of the fire.

A strong appeal will be made for imme-

diate aid. Hundreds were compelled to

sleep in their clothes, having no covering

at all. The citizens of Houtdale and

neighboring towns are doing their best,

but with their population suddenly

augmented by refugees from nearby towns

they are unable to do all that is necessary,

